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Applicants: Joachim Kiefer and Oemer Uensal
Title: Mixture Comprising Sulphonic Acid Containing Vinyl, Polymer Electrolyte Membrane
Comprising Polyvinylsulphonic Acid and the Use Thereof in Fuel Cells
Attorney's Docket No.: 3799.1003-000

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- ☐ Copies of the cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- ☒ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
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- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
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- ☐ the enclosed English language abstract.

☐ Applicant requests that the following non-published pending applications be considered:

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- ☐ A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed.
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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

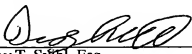
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AL	WO 99/10165	03-04-1999	Foster-Miller, Inc. (US)	
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